Operators, the existing link was to be used only for calls originating from any of the BSNL's Network and terminating into the Cellular Operator's Network and *vice-versa*. This link was never established for trasiting calls from any other Network unless mutually agreed between BSNL and CMSP.

2. COAI had also mentioned that during the same period, MTNL, Delhi blocked calls from cellular operators to fixed phones and *vice versa*. However, to their knowledge no action was initiated against MTNL for their said action even though it was widely known that such blockings (in Delhi) were not due to 'technical problems'.

3. COAI had assured that they deeply respect and acknowledge the authority of the Telecom Regulator, particularly in matters relating to interconnection and that they were and remain fully committed to ensuring smooth and fair interconnections between all operators. COAI had further mentioned that it is imperative that all the participants in this telecom industry, be it the incumbents, the Private Operators or Department of Telecom as well as regulator, encourage and evelop mutual respect and trust in each other rather than having prolonged and acrinominus litigation which could become road blocks for rapid development of this sector. In view of the above COAI had requested the Authority to take a considerate view of the entire issue and withdraw any such prosecution proceedings. In their view, any such prosecution proceedings will have an adverse impact on the reputations of the Indian companies in International markets and also impact relationships with foreign partners.

Mobile and internet users

1733. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tele-density during the last two years, State-wise; and

(b) the details of mobile and internet users during the last two years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) The details of tele-density for the last two years, State-wise are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The details regarding Mobile and Internet users for the last two years, State-wise are given in the Satement II and III respectively.

Statement-I

State-wise tele density for the last 2 years

Sl. No.	State	Teledensity	
		As on 31.3.2002	As on 31.3.2003
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	9.04	9.60
2.	Andhra Pradesh	4.93	5.56
3.	Assam	1.67	1.94
4.	Bihar	1.08	1.32
5.	Chhattisgarh	1.25	1.39
6.	Delhi	22.11	26.85
7.	Gujarat	6.37	7.44
8.	Haryana	5.06	6.06
9.	Himachal Pradesh	7.48	8.40
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	2.15	2.48
11.	Jharkhand	1.39	1.57
12.	Karnataka	5.58	6.45
13.	Kerala	9.51	11.13
14.	Madhya Pradesh	2.49	2.88
15.	Maharashtra	7.67	9.11
16.	North East	2.41	2.69
17.	Orissa	1.88	2.22
18.	Punjab	9.15	11.60
19.	Rajasthan	3.02	3.40
20.	Tamil Nadu	6.17	7.95
21.	Uttaranchal	3.64	3.95
22.	Uttar Pradesh	1.86	2.13
23.	West Bengal	3.20	3.75
	TOTAL (All India)	4.29	5.11

NOTE:—

1. North-East includes the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura.
2. Maharashtra includes the State of Goa.
3. West Bengal includes the State of Sikkim.
4. Gujarat includes the Union Territories of (I) Dadra & Nagar Haveli & (II) Daman & Diu.
5. Kerala includes the Union Territory of Lakshdweep Islands.
6. Punjab includes the Union Territory of Chandigarh.
7. Tamil Nadu includes the Union Territory of Pondicherry.

Statement-II

Number of Mobile Phone users for last two years

Sl. No.	State	As on 31.3.2002	As on 31.3.2003
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	—	—
2.	Andhra Pradesh	495841	883325
3.	Assam	28711	47331
4.	Bihar	123821	260537
5.	Chhattisgarh	—	—
6.	Delhi	1067676	1806159
7.	Gujarat	467448	1045226
8.	Haryana	100158	244566
9.	Himachal Pradesh	22015	60690
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0
11.	Jharkhand	—	—
12.	Karnataka	400134	821413
13.	Kerala	367894	660394
14.	Madhya Pradesh	211707	439769
15.	Maharashtra	1449679	2688982
16.	North East	4512	8692
17.	Orissa	49220	131382
18.	Punjab	349018	917822
19.	Rajasthan	118401	246362
20.	Tamil Nadu	555549	1065186
21.	Uttaranchal	—	—
22.	Uttar Pradesh	311539	718707
23.	West Bengal	308197	641094
	TOTAL	6431520	12687637

NOTE:—

1. Figures for A&N, Chhattisgarh, Jhakhand and Uttaranchal are included in West Bengal, M.P., Bihar and Uttar Pradesh respectively.
2. North-east includes the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura.
3. Maharashtra includes the State of Goa.
4. West Bengal includes the State of Sikkim.
5. Gujarat includes the Union Territories of (I) Dadra & Nagar Haveli & (II) Daman & Diu.
6. Kerala includes the Union Territory of Lakshadweep Islands.
7. Punjab includes the Union Territory of Chandigarh.
8. Tamil Nadu includes the Union Territory of Pondicherry.

Statement-III

State-wise/Union Territory details of internet subscribers for last two years

Sl. No.	State/UT wise	As on 31.3.2002	As on 31.3.2003
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	703	1112
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	380	1010
3.	Andhra Pradesh	234571	219218
4.	Assam	9899	14440
5.	Bihar	11999	18895
6.	Chandigarh	60228	38458
7.	Chattisgarh	7827	9275
8.	Goa	17494	19449
9.	Gujarat	153515	195072
10.	Haryana	12116	17015
11.	Himachal Pradesh	3483	6410
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	—	10235
13.	Jharkhand	11386	14199
14.	Karnataka	263020	259121
15.	Kerala	109170	136458
16.	Mizoram	743	959
17.	Manipur	630	1026
18.	Meghalaya	1455	5285
19.	Madhya Pradesh	65307	89501
20.	Maharashtra	770634	948264
21.	Nagaland	452	2536
22.	Orissa	17303	22343
23.	Pondicherry	6984	14275
24.	Punjab	69499	69938
25.	Rajasthan	102588	121322
26.	Tripura	816	1194
27.	Tamil Nadu	331840	329624
28.	Uttaranchal	10902	19801
29.	Uttar Pradesh	96828	120006
30.	Sikkim	928	965
31.	West Bengal	132013	142663
32.	Delhi	732962	650209
	TOTAL	3239675	3500278